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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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03/16/2021	.	
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The Committee on Education (Thurston) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 183 - 543

and insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program; eligibility for grants.-

(4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by



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12 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least
13 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of
14 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~
15 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~
16 ~~provisions for unused funds~~. The formula must account for
17 changes in the number of eligible students across all student
18 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section
19 and ss. 1009.505, 1009.51, and 1009.52.

20 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
21 1009.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 1009.51 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program;
23 eligibility for grants.—

24 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Private
25 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to
26 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by
27 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least
28 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of
29 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~
30 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~
31 ~~provisions for unused funds~~. The formula must account for
32 changes in the number of eligible students across all student
33 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section
34 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.52.

35 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
36 1009.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant
38 Program; eligibility for grants.—

39 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Postsecondary
40 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to



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41 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by
42 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least
43 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of
44 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~
45 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~
46 ~~provisions for unused funds~~. The formula must account for
47 changes in the number of eligible students across all student
48 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section
49 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.51.

50 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 1009.53, Florida
51 Statutes, is amended to read:

52 1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

53 (3) The Department of Education shall administer the Bright
54 Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and procedures
55 established by the State Board of Education. A single
56 application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of
57 the awards. The department shall advertise the availability of
58 the scholarship program and shall notify students, teachers,
59 parents, certified school counselors, and principals or other
60 relevant school administrators of the criteria and application
61 procedures. The department must begin this process of
62 notification no later than September ~~January~~ 1 of each year.

63 Section 6. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1009.534,
64 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

65 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

66 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars
67 award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements
68 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

69 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as



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70 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high
71 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
72 Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has
73 attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6) (a) ~~on~~
74 ~~the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~
75 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~
76 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~
77 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

78 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.
79 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12, has completed the International
80 Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the International
81 Baccalaureate Diploma, or has completed the Advanced
82 International Certificate of Education curriculum but failed to
83 earn the Advanced International Certificate of Education
84 Diploma, and has attained at least the score required under s.
85 1009.531(6) (a) ~~on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of~~
86 ~~the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or~~
87 ~~the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College~~
88 ~~Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT~~
89 ~~Assessment Program;~~

90 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma
91 from the International Baccalaureate Office or an Advanced
92 International Certificate of Education Diploma from the
93 University of Cambridge International Examinations Office;

94 (d) Has been recognized by ~~the merit or achievement~~
95 ~~programs~~ of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
96 scholar or finalist; ~~or~~

97 (e) Has been granted academic honors by one or more of the
98 College Board National Recognition Programs for students from



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99 underrepresented communities; or recognized by the National
100 Hispanic Recognition Program as a scholar recipient

101 (f) For a high school student who graduated in the 2021-
102 2022 academic year and thereafter:

103 1. Has earned an associate degree with a minimum
104 postsecondary cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0
105 scale before graduating from high school; or

106 2. Has earned a College Board Advanced Placement Capstone
107 Diploma with scores of 4 or higher on six Advanced Placement
108 examinations.

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110 The student must complete a program of volunteer service work,
111 as approved by the district school board, the administrators of
112 a nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home
113 education program students, which must include a minimum of 75
114 hours of service work for high school students graduating in the
115 2010-2011 academic year and 100 hours of service work for high
116 school students graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year and
117 thereafter. The student must identify a social or civic issue or
118 a professional area that interests him or her, develop a plan
119 for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or
120 learning about the area, and, through papers or other
121 presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience.
122 Except for credit earned through service-learning courses
123 adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive
124 remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work
125 performed. Such work may include, but is not limited to, a
126 business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit
127 community service organization, or activities on behalf of a



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128 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service must
129 be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the
130 student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative
131 of the organization for which the student performed the
132 volunteer service work.

133 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a
134 certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree program
135 at a public or nonpublic postsecondary education institution is
136 eligible for an award equal to the amount specified necessary to
137 pay 100 percent of tuition and fees established under ss.
138 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7); 1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8), (10),
139 and (11); and 1009.24(4), (7)-(13), (14)(r), and (16), as
140 applicable, and is eligible for an additional stipend for
141 textbooks, to assist with the payment of educational expenses as
142 funds are specifically appropriated in the General
143 Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of educational
144 expenses.

145 Section 7. Section 1009.5341, Florida Statutes, is amended
146 to read:

147 1009.5341 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship awards for
148 graduate study. For the 2021-2022 academic year, Florida Bright
149 Futures Scholarship recipients who graduate in the 2010-2011
150 academic year and thereafter with a baccalaureate degree in 7
151 semesters, or the equivalent or fewer hours, and wish to pursue
152 graduate study may apply the unused portion of their Florida
153 Academic Scholars award or Florida Medallion Scholars award
154 toward 1 semester of graduate study, not to exceed 15 semester
155 hours paid at the undergraduate rate. A baccalaureate degree may
156 include, but is not limited to, college credits earned through



157 ~~articulated acceleration mechanisms pursuant to s. 1007.27.~~

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159 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

160 And the title is amended as follows:

161 Delete lines 3 - 89

162 and insert:

163 1009.25, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s.
164 1009.50, F.S.; revising the formula for calculating
165 how Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program
166 funds are distributed; amending s. 1009.51, F.S.;
167 revising the formula for calculating how Florida
168 Private Student Assistance Grant Program funds are
169 distributed; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.; revising the
170 formula for how Florida Postsecondary Student
171 Assistance Grant Program funds are distributed;
172 amending s. 1009.53, F.S.; revising the date by which
173 the Department of Education is annually required to
174 advertise the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
175 Program to specified persons; amending s. 1009.534,
176 F.S.; revising and expanding eligibility requirements
177 of the Florida Academic Scholars award; providing that
178 a Florida Academic Scholar is eligible for an award
179 equal to the amount specified in the General
180 Appropriations Act; amending s. 1009.5341, F.S.;
181 authorizing a Bright Futures Scholarship recipient to
182 apply the unused portion of a Florida Academic
183 Scholars award or Florida Medallion Scholars award
184 toward graduate study for a specified academic year;